



Adam Stull,  
Board President

## Dear Arts Council Members and Friends,

As we come to the close of 2022, it is time to both reflect and look ahead. My first term as president flew by. We had a creative and productive year.

In March, I attended The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and HCPSS High School Gifted and Talented Side-by-Side Concert, which was funded in part through a grant from the Arts Council. During the concert, I was invited to sit on the Meyerhoff stage with my family and other Howard County parents and enjoy a wonderful night of performances with Howard County students playing alongside professional BSO musicians.

In June, we presented the free, family-friendly ARTreach Festival at Long Reach Village Center, where over 2,000 community members enjoyed a day of world music and made memories through make-and-take activities including caricatures, pinata-making, tie-dying T-shirts, and so much more.

In October, our long-time executive director, Coleen West, marked 25 years at the Arts Council. When asked how we should recognize this occasion, she replied, "Let's 'pay it forward.'" We presented Gino Molfino with the 2022 Coleen West Leadership in the Arts Award at our Celebration of the Arts gala for his dedication to and advancement of the arts in our community. Gino is an outstanding leader, who has received both state and national arts education awards for his commitment to excellence, his development and oversight of arts curriculum, and his impact on and thoughtful support of HCPSS fine arts teachers and students countywide. Recognition from the local arts community and the Arts Council was overdue.

Looking ahead, the focus of my next term as president will be to work with the Board to develop the Arts Council's strategic plan for FY2024-2029. During this process, we will re-examine our existing mission, vision, core values, and strategic goals through the lens of diversity, equity, and inclusion, with the goal of creating a strategic plan centered on equity that will guide policy and programming efforts. We secured grants from the Horizon Foundation, the Maryland State Arts Council, and the Community Foundation of Howard County to support our planning efforts.

Preliminary work on the plan began last spring as Joseph W. Ritsch, producing artistic director for Rep Stage, led discussions with our Board about the theatre company's journey to create a non-racist theatre. This work continued in the fall with interviews and focus groups led by national consulting firm The Sort Sol Group, who was hired to guide the Board's strategic planning process. The Board also took a full-day bus trip to two local arts councils. We toured their

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## And the winner is...



The winner of the 2022 Rising All-Star Performing Arts Competition was announced after the Quarterly went to press. If you missed the Celebration of the Arts gala and the Rising All-Star announcement, scan the QR code (or visit [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org)) to see who won!



## HOLIDAY MAKER-MART OPEN HOUSE

December 1 | 5:30-8:30pm

Join us for our annual Holiday Maker-Mart Open House on December 1 from 5:30-8:30pm as local artists and artisans offer their unique handmade works for holiday gift-giving. Don't miss this great opportunity to 'shop local', 'buy handmade', and support local artists during the holiday season!

Visit [hocoarts.org/makermart](http://hocoarts.org/makermart) for details.

*Note: Due to an ongoing facility issue, the Juried Artisan Market scheduled to run from November 23 to December 4 has been cancelled.*



A Maker-Mart shopper explores a vendor's wares (HCAC photo)

# ARTISTS' BLOCK



*Tilt by Bill Wood, installed at Columbia Association, Slayton House as part of ARTsites 2022. (HCAC photo)*

**ARTSITES 2023.** The Arts Council is seeking proposals from artists and sites for *ARTsites 2023*, a one-year outdoor sculpture exhibit on display from August 2023 to July 2024. Selected artists will be awarded a grant to participate in the exhibit. Deadline to apply is February 22, 2023. Submission guidelines will be available December 1 at [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org).

**ARTS SCHOLARSHIP.** Are you a Howard County high school student with a visual arts, theatre, music, dance, or creative writing degree in your future? If so, don't miss the chance to apply for our Arts Scholarship program. Online applications are available at [hcac.gosmart.org](http://hcac.gosmart.org). Deadline to apply is January 26, 2023.

**BAKER ARTIST AWARDS** recognizes artists from the Baltimore metro region who exemplify a mastery of craft, depth of artistic exploration, and a unique vision. In 2023, one artist in each of the six artistic disciplines – Visual Arts, Film/ Video, Interdisciplinary, Literary Arts, Performance, and Music – will be awarded the \$10,000 Mary Sawyers Baker Prize. One of these six artists will also be selected to receive the \$30,000 Mary Sawyers Imboden prize. All artists who have an active portfolio on the Baker website on **Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 5:00pm** will be considered for one of this year's six awards. Visit [bakerartist.org](http://bakerartist.org) for details and to create a portfolio.

**HCAC GENERAL EXHIBIT PROGRAM.** Visual artists and curators — are you looking for a place to exhibit your work? We are seeking artwork in all mediums to include in upcoming exhibits. Individual artists, as well as curators and arts groups interested in presenting a group show, are encouraged to apply. Exhibits are selected and presented in the context of multi-disciplinary, thematic, juried, and invitational exhibits. Applications are due **January 1, 2023**. Details and application information are available in the Exhibit Opportunities section at [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org).

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facilities and met with their leadership to learn about their programming and current strategic initiatives to gain a deeper understanding about the role of local arts agencies in Maryland. I want to thank all the participants – both inside and outside of our organization – who have shared their perspectives on the Arts Council and engaged in the process so far.

I'd also like to recognize the three new members who joined the Board in October: Dr. Katrina Caldwell, provost and chief diversity officer at Johns Hopkins University; Khensani Carter, business and strategy manager at Tenable; and Mavis Ellis, educator and former member of the Howard County Board of Education. They join existing Board members Thomas Engleman, Jordana Guzman, Greg Lowe, Brian Liu, Andrea Magers, Muriel Mitchell, Tracey Pullo, Ryan Rager, Debra Stepp, Sabina Taj, Sharonlee Vogel, and myself in our efforts to support the Arts Council and advance the arts in our community.

We invite you to join us in building a better future for the arts in Howard County.

Adam Stull, Board President



## HCAC FY2023 GRANTS ANNOUNCED



*HCAC Executive Director Coleen West, County Executive Calvin Ball, MD State Senator Clarence Lam, MD State Delegate Jessica Feldmark, HCAC Board President Adam Stull, and Community Arts Development grantees. (HCAC photo)*

It was a pleasure to welcome so many artists and arts supporters to our Annual Meeting & Grant Awards Ceremony on September 16th. More than 100 guests were on hand as we reflected on the past year's achievements and looked forward to another year supporting local community artists and arts organizations. For Fiscal Year 2023, \$639,200 in grants were presented to 24 Howard County organizations, 11 Howard County public schools, and 12 Baltimore City arts and cultural organizations in support of general operations, artist residencies, and special projects in the arts.

Congratulations to all our FY2023 grantees!

For a list of FY2023 grant recipients and more information on the grant programs offered by the Arts Council, visit [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org).

# UPCOMING Exhibits at HCCA

Gallery I: *Art Maryland 2022* | Gallery II: *Intersections*

December 16, 2022 – February 4, 2023

Reception: January 27, 2023, 6-8pm (snow date: February 3)



A biennial juried exhibit, *Art Maryland 2022* is a premier showcase for regional artists. This year's guest juror is Maryland-based artist and 2019 Sondheim competition finalist Schroeder Cherry, who will offer remarks and present juror awards at the reception on January 27 from 6-8pm. *This exhibit was originally scheduled to run from October 7 - November 19, 2022 but was postponed due to a facility issue.*

*Intersections* is a mixed-media exhibit featuring work by artists Caitlin Gill, Kieun Kim, Tali Margolin, and Meghan Wilbar.

Please visit [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org) to verify gallery hours. To learn more about Arts Council programs and exhibits, call 410-313-ARTS (2787) or visit [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org).

Contemplative Pillars  
by Diane Lorio, from Art  
Maryland 2022 (image  
courtesy of the artist)



## Creative Howard Grants

The Arts Council's Creative Howard Grant Program provides grants of up to \$2,500 to small Howard County arts organizations and arts businesses not currently served by its other grant programs. Applications for Creative Howard grants are reviewed monthly, with grants awarded each month until total allocated funding has been awarded. For details, visit [hocoarts.org/grants](http://hocoarts.org/grants).



A camp staffer helps a camper with a project (HCAC photo)

Registration for our Visual & Performing Arts Summer Camps will be available January 3, 2023. Sign up early and choose from a wide variety of engaging and creative

opportunities for your child. Camps are open to students entering grades K-7. Full- or half-day sessions and extended care are available. For complete details or to register, visit [hocoarts.org/camp](http://hocoarts.org/camp).



**GET READY FOR  
SUMMER CAMP!**

## Need a Summer Job?

The Arts Council is currently accepting applications for paid camp counselor positions and unpaid volunteer positions for our 2023 summer camps. Counselors must be age 18 by June 15, 2023; volunteers must be age 15 by September 1, 2023. To apply, visit [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org). Application deadline is **March 30, 2023**.



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**CHECK OUT OUR WINTER CLASS OFFERINGS!**

Winter classes begin January 21, 2023. Offerings are available for children and adults. A complete schedule is available at [hocoarts.org/classes](http://hocoarts.org/classes) or by calling 410-313-ARTS (2787).

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**Become a Member**

Your support is needed now more than ever! HCAC membership dues help advance and support the arts in Howard County through exhibitions, scholarships, advocacy, the Howie Awards, and so much more. To become a member, visit our website at [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org), or call 410-313-ARTS (2787).

**GALLERY HOURS**

- Monday-Friday 10am-8pm
- Saturday 10am-4pm
- Sunday 12-4pm

The Howard County Center for the Arts will be closed on the following days:

- December 23-26, 2022
- December 31, 2022
- January 1-2, 2023
- January 16, 2023
- February 20, 2023

The Center will be open from 9am-5pm December 27-30, 2022.